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FOR CONNECTION FOR USE IN DISK ARRAY CONTROL APPARATUS

LETTER CLAIMING RIGHT OF PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 July 20, 2004

Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55, applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on:

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A Certified copy of said application document is attached hereto.

Acknowledgement thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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